

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 17, 2021, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Ilene Nickel, Eli Winger, and Kile Zerr.

City staff present. City Clerk Leann Hughes, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman, and Police Chief Daniel Cooper; City Administrator Bradley Pendergast was present via Zoom.

Others present. Raelene Keller, Amy Gassmann, Marti Engel, Craig Uhrich, and Jaimie Pfeifer.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14608).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Clerk Hughes requested the AP Payment Register be approved less the payment to Westhusing's, Inc., in the amount of \$5,873.46, Check Number 47748. Hughes explained this payment will cause the total paid to go over the amount approved by Council and Administrator Pendergast stated he would contact them before payment is made. Kahle moved to approve the May 14, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated May 15, 2021, less Check No. 47748 in the amount of \$5,873.46 made payable to Westhusing's, Inc., for a total approved amount of \$56,272.00 (Check Nos. 354; 47703; 47709-47747; 47749-47750). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14609).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 18, 2021, to May 1, 2021, dated May 5, 2021, for the May 7, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$49,115.38 for 2,308.10 hours (Check Nos. 17383-17385; ACH Nos. 95858-95885; AP Check Nos. 47704-47707; Wire Nos. 653-666). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14610).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

200 Center Avenue discussion – Logan County Community Foundation. Raelene Keller, representing the Logan County Community Foundation, reported she received notice that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been diverted to cover pandemic needs for 2021, leaving no CDBG funds available for this project in 2021. Keller reviewed donations to date and other funding available the Foundation is willing to pursue. Keller also reported she contacted an engineer to get an estimated cost to apply a thermal blanket on the south side of the building to help secure loose bricks and to allow for the opening of 2-way traffic in the 100 block of E. Second Street; that estimate is \$2,500.00. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the purchase and installation of the thermal blanket with the cost being taken out of the City's contribution to the project, provided Keller confirms the \$2,500.00 will cover everything necessary.

Oakley Country Club – Cart Path Grant. Marti Engel, current President of the Oakley Country Club Board and Amy Gassmann, current Secretary, met with the Council to discuss the possibility of a Cart Path Grant to redo the cart paths at the Golf Course. They explained the Country Club cannot apply for grants on their own because they are not a 501(c)3 organization, but they could apply through the City since the City owns the property. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve the application for grant funds by the Oakley Country Club, through the City, for reconstruction of the cart paths at the Golf Course. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14611).

COPS Grant Discussion. Administrator Pendergast reported Chief Cooper would like to apply for a COPS grant to hire an additional police officer. The grant would cover 75% of wages and benefits for the first three years up to a maximum amount of \$125,000.00. The city would have five years to fill the position and it must be filled for four years. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Chief Cooper proceed with the application for grant funds.

City Building Demolition Policy. Administrator Pendergast reported the City received an application to demo a structure that is in poor condition and the property owners asked if the City would take care of the demolition. Council Member Zerr reported he spoke with a contractor who felt the city should not compete with contractors for a project like this. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council not to do this demolition and to do more research with contractors for their opinions on the matter.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Moved to a later time in the meeting.

Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Stephenson appointed Michael Brockman and Brenda Janzen to the Library Board, both with terms ending May, 2025. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Michael Brockman, to the Library Board, for a term ending May, 2025. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14612). Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Brenda Janzen to the Library Board, for a term ending May, 2025. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14613).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Water Treatment Plant Engineering Agreement. Administrator Pendergast reported he sent the Engineering Agreement for the Water Treatment Plant project to City Attorney Hirsh for review and he did not have any issues with it. Kahle moved to approve the Water Treatment Plant Engineering Agreement with Wilson & Co., Inc., and to authorize Mayor Stephenson to sign said document. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14614).

Wastewater Lagoon Engineering Agreement. Administrator Pendergast reported he sent the Engineering Agreement for the Wastewater Lagoon project to City Attorney Hirsh for review and he did not have any issues with it. Kahle moved to approve the Wastewater Lagoon Engineering Agreement with Wilson & Co., Inc., and to authorize Mayor Stephenson to sign said document. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14615).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. No report.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. Clerk Hughes provided applications for AirMedCare/Eagle Med Air Ambulance Service. The Mayor and Council may sign up and pay for this service if they are interested.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast, by phone, and Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:58 P.M. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14616).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, and Council present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 8:10 P.M. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14617).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, and Council present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 8:22 P.M. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14618).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council, and Administrator Pendergast, by phone, present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 8:34 P.M. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14619).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Huddle encouraged the City to extend a guarantee to pool staff at the end of the summer, of positions for next year, to hopefully help make sure the pool is fully staffed in future years.

Mayor Stephenson stated he will not be present at the June 7, 2021, meeting. He also reminded everyone of the June 1, 2021, filing deadline, for open Mayor/Council positions.

Administrator Pendergast suggested a special meeting the first week of June to tie up loose ends before he leaves. The Council tentatively agreed upon June 1, 2021, at 7 PM, for a special meeting.

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14620). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:39 P.M.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The members of the Council acknowledged receipt of a copy of the minutes; said minutes were approved as presented at the June 7, 2021, regular meeting.